

In the Claims:

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13. (Currently Amended) An absorbent garment comprising:

a liner;

an outer cover;

an absorbent structure positioned between the liner and the outer cover;

and

an adhesive positioned between at least two of the liner, the outer cover and the absorbent structure, the adhesive being applied at least partly according to a swirl-like pattern, the adhesive pattern changing as a function of distance, the adhesive pattern changing according to at least one of pattern breadth or adhesive dose in weight per area along said ~~direction~~ distance, wherein the adhesive dose of the adhesive pattern changes as a function of distance, and wherein the weight per unit area of adhesive applied varies by at least 20% by weight.

14. (Original) An absorbent garment as defined in claim 13, wherein the swirl-like pattern comprises a plurality of loops having a size, the size of the loops changing as a function of distance.

15. (Withdrawn) An absorbent garment as defined in claim 13, wherein the swirl-like pattern comprises a plurality of loops having a density in loops per distance, the density of the loops changing as a function of distance.

16. (Original) An absorbent garment as defined in claim 13, wherein the adhesive is applied in an amount ranging from about 1 gsm to about 100 gsm.

17. (Original) An absorbent garment as defined in claim 13, wherein the adhesive pattern alternates between the swirl-like pattern and a continuous bead.

18. (Withdrawn) An absorbent garment as defined in claim 13, wherein the adhesive comprises a hot melt adhesive.

19. (Withdrawn) An absorbent garment as defined in claim 13, wherein the adhesive comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive.

20. (Original) An absorbent garment as defined in claim 13, wherein the garment comprises a diaper, an adult incontinence product, or a swim garment.

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22. (Original) An absorbent garment as defined in claim 13, wherein the adhesive dose of the adhesive pattern changes as a function of distance, and wherein the weight per unit area of adhesive applied varies by at least 50% by weight.

23. (Original) An absorbent garment as defined in claim 13, wherein the adhesive dose of the adhesive pattern changes as a function of distance, and wherein the weight per unit area of adhesive applied varies by at least 90% by weight.

24. (Original) An absorbent garment as defined in claim 17, wherein the continuous bead includes a zigzag pattern, a sawtooth pattern, a scalloped pattern, or a sinewave pattern.

25. (Withdrawn) An absorbent garment comprising:

a liner;

an outer cover;

an absorbent structure positioned between the liner and the outer cover;

and

an adhesive positioned between at least two of the liner, the outer cover and the absorbent structure, the adhesive being applied in columns along a lengthwise direction, each of the columns containing an adhesive pattern, each adhesive pattern comprising at least partly a swirl-like pattern, and wherein greater adhesive is applied adjacent lengthwise edges of the materials in relation to the amount of adhesive applied in a middle area of the materials.

26. (Currently Amended) An absorbent product comprising multiple components, one of the components comprising an outer cover, while another component comprising an absorbent structure, the outer cover including an exterior surface and an interior surface, the absorbent structure being located adjacent the interior surface of the outer cover; and

an adhesive positioned between at least two components of the absorbent product, the adhesive being applied at least partly according to a swirl-like pattern, the adhesive pattern changing as a function of distance, the adhesive pattern changing according to at least one of pattern breadth or adhesive dose in weight per area along the ~~direction~~ distance, wherein the adhesive dose of the adhesive pattern changes as a

function of distance, and wherein the weight per unit area of adhesive applied varies by at least 20% by weight.

27. (Original) An absorbent product as defined in claim 26, wherein the swirl-like pattern comprises a plurality of loops having a size, the size of the loops changing as a function of distance.

28. (Withdrawn) An absorbent product as defined in claim 26, wherein the swirl-like pattern comprises a plurality of loops having a density in loops per distance, the density of the loops changing as a function of distance.

29. (Original) An absorbent product as defined in claim 26, wherein the adhesive is applied in an amount ranging from about 1 gsm to about 50 gsm.

30. (Original) An absorbent product as defined in claim 26, wherein the adhesive pattern alternates between the swirl-like pattern and a continuous bead.

31. (Withdrawn) An absorbent product as defined in claim 26, wherein the adhesive comprises a hot melt adhesive.

32. (Withdrawn) An absorbent product as defined in claim 26, wherein the adhesive comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive.

33. (Original) An absorbent product as defined in claim 26, wherein the product comprises a diaper, an adult incontinence product, or a swim garment.

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35. (Original) An absorbent product as defined in claim 26, wherein the adhesive dose of the adhesive pattern changes as a function of distance, and wherein the weight per unit area of adhesive applied varies by at least 50% by weight.

36. (Original) An absorbent product as defined in claim 26, wherein the adhesive dose of the adhesive pattern changes as a function of distance, and wherein the weight per unit area of adhesive applied varies by at least 90% by weight.

37. (Original) An absorbent product as defined in claim 30, wherein the continuous bead includes a zigzag pattern, a sawtooth pattern, a scalloped pattern, or a sinewave pattern.

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